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SUBJECT: BACKGROUND AND SPINOFF OF VANCE/CARVAJAL STORY

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1. A MID-LEVEL CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL SHEEPISHLY REGRETTE THE APPEARANCE OF A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THE VANCE/CARVAJAL BILATERAL IN JUNE 18 "EL MERCURIO." HE INSISTED THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD NO HAND IN LEAKING THE STORY. WE NOW BELIEVE THAT "MERCURIO'S" CORRESPONDENT AT GRENADA WAS BRIEFED BY A HIGH-LEVEL GOC OFFICIAL AT THE CONFERENCE AND SANTIAGO RAN THE SPECIAL ON ASSUMPTION THAT IT HAD BEEN CLEARED THERE.

2. "EL MERCURIO" TOOK ADVANTAGE OF ITS EXCLUSIVE REPORT ON THE VANCE/CARVAJAL MEETING TO RUN A LENGTHY AND EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE EDITORIAL ENTITLED "DILEMMA AFTER GRENADA" IN ITS NEXT DAY'S PAPER. ON SUNDAY, JUNE 19, INFLUENTIAL AND INCREASINGLY DARING ARTURO FONTAINE PUT TOGETHER VARIOUS STRANDS OF ARGUMENT WHICH HAVE BEEN APPEARING PIECEMEAL IN PREVIOUS EDITORIALS. ESSENTIALLY
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HE CONTNDS THAT THE USG HAS LAUNCHED ON A WORLD-WIDE HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN WHEREIN CHILE REALLY IS EXTRANEIOUS. THE GOC MUST WEIGH SUSPENDING NORMAL RIGHTS TO PRESERVE INTERNAL SECURITY AGAINST THE COSTS OF THIS ACTION IN LOSING POWERFUL SPONSORS (READ THE US) WHICH AID GREATLY IN PRESERVING EXTERNAL SECURITY. FONTAINE DOES NOT THINK THE EMERGENCY POWERS ARE STILL NEEDED. THE POINTS THE SECRETARY RAISED

WITH CARVAJAL HAD ALREADY BEEN AIRED BY THE CHILEAN PRESS, HE ASSERTS. NOW USG VIEWS HAVE BEEN MADE PUBLIC AND THE GOC'S MANEUVERING ROOM HAS SHRUNK SINCE NO CHILEAN WANTS TO BE SEEN AS APPEASING FOREIGNERS, BUT HE ADDS, MORE PRAGMATIC REASONING SHOULD PREVAIL.

3. COMMENT: THE FOREGOING EDITORIAL HAS RAISED EYEBROWS AMONG JUNTOLOGISTS IN SANTIAGO. "EL MERCURIO" (PARTICULARLY FONTAINE) HAS SLOWLY BEEN NOSING INTO SENSITIVE POLITICAL AREAS, MORE NOTICEABLY SO DURING RECENT MONTHS. A NUMBER OF LOCAL OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT "EL MERCURIO" IS ECHOING A SCHOOL OF THOUGHT WITHIN THE GOC -- ONE THAT DOES NOT SEEM TO SQUARE WITH HARDLINE STATEMENTS BY PRESIDENT PINOCHET AND OTHERS. THE PATTERN OF PUBLIC BLUSTER AS A PRELUDE TO SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS IS OF COURSE WELL ESTABLISHED BY GOC.

4. WHATEVER ULTERIOR MOTIVES MAY LIE BEHIND "EL MERCURIO'S" ACTIONS, WE FOUND ITS TREATMENT THOUGHTFUL AND PERSUASIVE. BOYATT

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